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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Gary Hartmann

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-15 and 27-29 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 24-26 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 20 is objected to because the recitation of "each of the one or more panels" (line 3) lacks clear antecedent basis since line 2 recites "two or more panels." Appropriate correction is required; however, note that correction of line 3 could result in a duplicate of claim 21.

Claim 23 is objected to because of the following informalities: "providingat" (line 1) should be --providing at--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sumners (U.S. Patent 2,917,283).

Sumners discloses a method of slowing a vehicle comprising providing a panel (13) and deploying it above a surface (Figure 4, for example).

The entire vehicle is lifted above the surface with the panel (Figure 5, for example).

Claims 16 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nasatka (U.S. Patent 4,893,119).

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Nasatka discloses a method of slowing a vehicle comprising providing a panel (14) and deploying it above a surface (abstract, for example).

The panel is controlled based on vehicle speed detection (column 8, line 13-19).

Two panels (Figure 1, for example) rotate in the same direction.

Claims 16, 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Thompson (U.S. Patent 5,419,537).

Thompson discloses a method comprising providing a panel (14, 16, 60) and deploying it above a surface (Figure 2, for example). Vehicles would inherently slow to cross this structure, since failure to do so would likely result in damage to the structure and/or the vehicle.

Panels (14, 16) are disposed to rotate in opposite directions.

There is a center panel (60) disposed between panels (14, 16) and capable of being deployed into a position extended from the surface.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 24-26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary Hartmann whose telephone number is 703-305-4549. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 9am-6pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Will can be reached on 703-308-3870. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Hartmann', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary Hartmann
Primary Examiner
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